

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Twiggstown</u> STREET NO. <u>WILSON ROAD</u> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME <u>Twigg's Cave</u> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <p>(14A.) <u>Twigg's Cave</u></p> <p>This is an immense limestone cavern with stalagmites and stalactites and is supposedly one of the largest caves in Maryland. However, its opening is not large enough for easy entrance and the floor is covered with silt that in some places is four feet deep. The entrance is only some 30 inches in diameter and is a vertical shaft into the heart of the cave. Situated in the eastern portion of the County near Twiggstown, this area could very well be called cave country because of numerous other limestone caves; Athey Cave, Devil's Den, Horse Cave, which are smaller and therefore less significant. There is an interesting legend that stems from the Twiggstown locale. It seems that a very noteworthy family of Twiggs lived on a fine old homestead called Sink Hole Bottom Farm. One day a son of the Twigg patriarch returned home with an Indian maiden he had taken as his wife. Immediately disowned by the father, the son took his wife and built a home across the pond from the main house, and for generations the blue-eyed and the black-eyed Twiggs feuded. Finally, almost a century later two of the offspring from each side of the family, having forgotten the original bitterness, fell in love and were married, and through this relationship the quarrel was settled.</p>		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE OPEN TO PUBLIC	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <u>Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Md., Jan. 1965</u>		7. PHOTOGRAPH 9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD	

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